

Programs & Events

- OCTOBER 27** Dunmore Cemetery Tour
1:00 pm.
- NOVEMBER 10** The Huber Breaker
Presented by Robert Janosov
Catlin House 2:00 pm.
- 22** Wine Tasting
Patsel's 6:00 pm.
\$100 per person RSVP by November 13, 2002
- DECEMBER 5** Members-Only Holiday Party
Catlin House 7:00-9:00 pm.
- 6** Holiday Open House
Windsor Chair Raffle 7:30 pm.
Catlin House 7:00—9:00 pm.



WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE.

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Scranton Chapter of the American Red Cross, located on Jefferson Ave. in Scranton.

2002 Marks Local Chapter's 60th Year in Mansion

During this year, the Scranton Chapter of the American Red Cross will be celebrating its 60th year in its current home, 545 Jefferson Ave., Scranton.

The home, which was built in 1902, originally belonged to Fenwick L. Peck, the vice-president of the former Peck Lumber Co., a family business he founded with his brother Edison S. Peck.

Lansing C. Holden, a prominent New York City architect, designed the home in a Colonial Revival style of cream-colored brick with carved limestone trim and a red slate roof.

Inside the two and a half story home, dwells seventeen rooms, eleven fireplaces, a staircase that rivals that of the movie *Gone With the Wind*, marble mantles, and spacious rooms with mahogany and oak.

Mr. Peck and his family lived in the home until it was given to the Red Cross in 1942. Prior to that, the Red Cross had been located at 424 N. Washington Ave., the former Dickson mansion, now the site of the Scranton Cultural center.

Bob Cherundolo has served as the Executive Director of the Scranton Chapter, American Red Cross since 1999. After

WINDSOR CHAIR RAFFLE WINNER WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT OPEN HOUSE

Tickets are available for the Society's annual Windsor chair Raffle. The winning ticket will be pulled at this year's annual Open House scheduled for December 6, at 7:30 p.m. Call the Society at 344-3841 if you would like to purchase additional tickets.



New Members

Individual

Ursula Boyer
Joan Brown
Susan Bennett Dyson
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John Hutzky
Arlene Lee
Albert Muto
Susan Patte
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Rose Ellen Stuckart
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Tully
Mr. and Mrs. William J Young

Contributing

Rose Marie Mecca

Sustaining

James Brouillard

And by the way...

A special thanks to membership chair **Ellie Axford** and her membership committee for their continuing work towards building our membership.

Family

Michael Jamie Bracey
Mr. and Mrs. Larry Brown
Mr. and Mrs. Chamberlain
Mr. and Mrs. Terry Carey
Mr. and Mrs. Mark Phillips
Andrew and Patricia Sayco

About Membership...

Membership privileges include unlimited access to the Society library, 10% discount in our bookstore, advance notice and invitations to all Society activities, special members-only programs and the quarterly newsletter. Attached is a membership form you can use to renew your membership or give to a friend or neighbor who is interested in joining. Please return it to:

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LACKAWANNA HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP FORM

<input type="checkbox"/> Student	\$10	NAME _____
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IN THE BOOKSTORE...

Brewed In Scranton: A History of the Brewing Industry in Scranton, PA by

Nicholas E. Petula. Copyright, 1998, \$15.00.

"Mankind's fascination and thirst for beer reaches back to the beginnings of civilization."

While *Brewed In Scranton: A History of the Brewing Industry in Scranton, PA*, doesn't delve into the role of beer during the dawn of civilization, it does provide a fairly detailed timeline of locally made brews and ales, as well as a thumbnail sketch of the evolution of beer across the United States.

Mr. Petula's book touches on everything from the basic beer recipe to the working conditions of brewers, the hobby of collecting bottles, and even "...the correlation between alcoholism and the social, ethnic and economic make up of the anthracite region..."

Throughout *Brewed In Scranton*, Mr. Petula tracks several prominent local breweries: The E. Robinson Brewery, The Lackawanna Brewing Co., The Standard Brewing Co., Casey & Kelly Brewing Co., the Keystone Brewing Co.,

The Scranton Brewing Co., and the Phillip M. Robinson Brewery

For each, Mr. Petula explains the origin of the company, the life that it lived, as well as its impact on the Scranton community. Mr. Petula also offers photographs and advertisements of the breweries and their beers. For those more interested in

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the novelty of beer, Mr. Petula covers collectibles, a.k.a., "Brewerania." Such items include, serving trays, coasters, foam scrapers, openers, and bottles.

For anyone interested in a piece of local beer lore, Mr. Petula's *Brewed In Scranton: A History of the Brewing Industry in Scranton, PA*, is an absolute must have.

A Note on the Newsletter



The fall 2002 newsletter was designed and written by Mary Ann Krisa, II, a new volunteer to the Lackawanna Historical Society.

A 2001 graduate of Smith College, Ms.

Krisa majored in English, and also interned for several magazine and newspaper publications.

She is currently working at the Greater Scranton YMCA, volunteering at the Scranton Chapter of the Red Cross, as well as at

the Lackawanna Coalition on Diversity.

Ms. Krisa is always looking for story ideas, and welcomes any comments or suggestions you may have on the newsletter.

Please feel free to contact her at: krisa619@yahoo.com.

LHS Welcomes New Yellowwood Student: Rick Krause



Rick Krause, a senior at West Scranton High School, started working with the Lackawanna Historical Society this past August.

While Mr. Krause does everything from data entry to helping with exhibits, he finds the

work interesting and mentally stimulating.

He recently assisted in putting together a project on coal mining from 1902.

"I put together a case, and then placed a coal mining helmet and battery pack into it," Mr. Krause said. "I also placed a model of a mule and coal carts in the case as well."

This display Mr. Krause helped put together is currently shown at the Scranton Cultural Center.

"I learned what my Grandfather back in the day went through," Mr. Krause said. "I also learned how hard it was for the breaker boys."

The breaker boys, Mr. Krause explained, were children who were sent at a very young age to work long hours at the mines. Even though Mr. Krause has had a lot of time to research and read about the coal mines, he still can't quite imagine what it must have been like.

"I want to get the physical feeling of being in the mine and working as hard as those kids did," Mr. Krause said. "I want to see what it was really like."

As for the future, Mr. Krause will not be mining, but would like to become an automotive repairman as well as a massage therapist.

Follow that Road

Scranton Road: The Life and Times of Edward Baker Sturges, by Louise Sturges DeDera, copyright 2002, is now available in the LHS bookstore at \$15.00 per copy.

"The 1880s saw men of high energy and vision able to dream dreams and achieve them in a world freer from restrictions than our present age," Ms. DeDera writes. "E.B. Sturges fought in the Civil War, represented collieries in court, helped found the Oral School for the Deaf, and built Scranton's electric trolley system and a steam railroad."

THE UNIVERSITY OF
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PROUDLY
PRESENTS:

Education for Justice: Developing Strategies for a Richly Diverse Community

Bringing together corporate and community leaders, service providers and academicians to explore the complexities of diversity and its impact on the community, college campuses, the corporate bottom line and the provisions of health care services leading to the development of an active plan.

WITH KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

MONICA MCGOLDRICK

Dr. McGoldrick is the Director of Multicultural Family Institute in Highland Park, New Jersey and also a Visiting Professor at Fordham University School of Social Services and Professor of Clinical Psychiatry at the Robert Wood Johnson Medical School. Wood received a master's degree in Russian Studies from Yale University, an M.S.W. from Smith College School of Social Work, as well as an honorary doctorate from Smith.



November 1, 2002
8:00 am—7:30 pm
Tickets are \$35 each
For more information, call:
570-941-6645

How does our garden grow? A peak into the Catlin House garden...

By Mary Ann Krisa

Around six years ago, when Rita MacNamara and her husband joined the Historical Society, no one knew that Mrs. MacNamara was soon to become the Catlin House gardener. She simply wanted to spruce things up a bit.

"There wasn't any activity with regard to garden at all," Mrs. MacNamara said.

"It had a lot of lilies on the north side, on the south side it had lavender, and of course that lavender is going to be there until everyone is a thousand years old."

So Mrs. MacNamara simply asked Mary Ann Moran, director of the Lackawanna Historical Society, if she could spend some time working on revitalizing the garden.

Faced with a small budget, Mrs. MacNamara, and Ms. Moran decided to work together on the project. While the Historical Society purchased some of the flowers, Mrs. MacNamara purchased some as well.

"I shopped around for plants I thought were attractive," Mrs. MacNamara said.

The flowers were planted and watered, and despite a low budget, plans were made to further develop the garden. Ms. Moran speeded up the process by acquiring a grant from the Northeast Pennsylvania Urban Forestry Program that provided money to purchase perennials for the garden. In addition, a partnership was formed with the East Scranton Intermediate school's ESAP program, (Environment School at the Park) to assist the society in the development of the garden. Educator Joe Paradise brought twenty five students to the Catlin House on a weekly basis to teach them about

**"I love flowers. I love nature. I love the birds, and I just love getting out and digging in the dirt."
-Mrs. MacNamara**

"how the garden grows."

"The plants that you see now will come back in the spring, so that as you see it now, you will see it again next summer, and hopefully, with some additions where we need additional plants," Mrs. MacNamara said.

In order to keep taking care of the garden, a watering schedule was set up so that each day a Society volunteer would come in to drag out the hose and take care of the garden.

"It's a very hot garden, it gets sun from early morning to later afternoon," Mrs. MacNamara said. "You need a watering schedule to be sure that its watered every single day in the summer."

Mrs. MacNamara says that the local ESAP students are an invaluable resource to the garden.

"They weed, which is a tremendous help," Mrs. MacNamara said. "Sometimes they transfer a plant if you need one transferred."

While Mrs. MacNamara plans to continue working in the garden, she hopes that more volunteers will help assist in its maintenance and upkeep.

Other LHS volunteers who have assisted in the garden are: George Strasburger, Roy Whitman, Barbara Smallcomb, Betty Nebesky, Jim Gavern, and Alan Sweeney with technical assistance from Wayne Lucas, representative of the NEPA Urban Forestry program.



Lackawanna Historical Society 2002 Volunteer of the Year:

Ann Marie O'Hara

By Mary Ann Krisa

Listening to the exuberant Ann Marie O'Hara is kind of like listening to the historical voices of the buildings and streets of Scranton through the centuries. She tells their stories with ease, providing invaluable information as though it were but second nature, and after nine years volunteering at the Lackawanna Historical Society, I suppose it is.

We sit in the dining room of the Catlin House. Mrs. O'Hara's large round frames rest on the tip of her nose and as she awaits my first question, her never fading smile brightens the entire room. At seventy-one-years old, and 5 feet tall, it is certainly clear that Mrs. O'Hara does not plan to be confined to a rocking chair any time soon.

Born at Mercy Hospital to parents May and Michael Dogherty, Mrs. O'Hara laughs, "It was something to be born at a hospital back then." She was taken home to 1123 West Locus St., Scranton, where she now once again resides with her husband, Cy O'Hara, a former bank examiner. When it came time to choose a profession, she chose nursing. Her only other option as a woman, she explains, was being a teacher. This year marks her fiftieth year reunion with the Keystone nursing class of 1952, and of course she plans to attend all the festivities.

Mrs. O'Hara retired about ten years ago and started her post career life at the University of Scranton as well as with the Historical Society. She enrolled at the University as a liberal arts major, quickly picked up a Women's Studies Concentration, and started researching the role of local women in the women's suffrage movement.

During those years Mrs. O'Hara also found herself at a lecture entitled, "Death Customs from the Early 19th Century." She took her seat and realized that there was a woman dressed all in black sitting next to her. Mrs. O'Hara expressed her condolences to the woman and it was then that she met Mary Ann Gavern, who explained it was all a part of the Historical Society's evening.

That's when she got hooked.

Mrs. O'Hara took her interest in women's studies and brought it to the Society, studying microfilms at the Weinberg Memorial Library.

"In 1914 suffragettes came to the Casey Hotel to support suffrage activities," Mrs. O'Hara said. "While they were checking in, so were the anti-suffragettes. It was rumored that they (the anti-suffragettes) were primarily politicians and brewers. They were concerned that if women got the vote, the men would lose the power, and that they



Mrs. O'Hara at the Society's annual Christmas tour of the Catlin House.

wouldn't be allowed to go to the tavern."

Through her years at the Lackawanna Historical Society, Mrs. O'Hara has taken all of Mary Ann Moran's classes on giving tours of the Courthouse, the Gothic and old Theatre district, and the Catlin house. She now gives all of the tours herself, and additionally, she spends times screening the newspaper obituaries as well as looking for historical pieces. She makes it into the house at least once a week, and she says, is always looking for something to do.

When Mr. Sweeney announced the award, Mrs. O'Hara wasn't quite sure who he meant.

"I was stunned," Mrs. O'Hara said. "It was not until he had said 'mother of 7 and a nurse at Moses Taylor,' did I know it was me."

SOCIETY COLLECTIONS ON DISPLAY

This fall the LHS has installed three exciting exhibits in the community. "The Strike of 1902" exhibit at the William J. Neelon Federal courthouse was set up in May by the Best Program Students and will be displayed through the spring.

The "Scranton in 1902" exhibit was completed this month at the University of Scranton Memorial Library by Best Kids, and a small exhibit is currently on display at the Scranton Cultural Center.

Scranton Chapter of the Red Cross (cont. from page 1)

working at the Red Cross National Head Quarters in Washington, D.C., as Vice-President of Human Resources, Mr. Cherundolo returned to Scranton and soon found himself in charge of 16 employees and hundreds of volunteers. All of them, he says, work together to help achieve the Red Cross mission, which is to help people prevent, prepare for, and respond to emergencies.

"The Red Cross brings a reliable, dependable, piece of mind in the event of the need for disaster relief," Mr. Cherundolo said.

While the local chapter does indeed sponsor blood drives, they also are an organization that goes into the community, educating on issues like health and safety, disaster

Little unknown facts...

- Clara Barton founded the Red Cross in 1881.
- The Scranton Chapter was founded in 1916.
- March is Red Cross month.
- The American Red Cross is governed entirely by volunteers, from the national to the local level.

prevention and disaster relief.

Jennifer Washney, Director of Community Affairs, finds that working in the house is a perfect match for the Red Cross.

"We are grateful to have such a historic building as a location for providing vital services to our community," Mrs. Washney said.

Mr. Cherundolo also agrees that where they are is perfectly conducive to the work they do.

"Everyone here is dedicated to what the Red Cross is all about," Mr. Cherundolo said. "I'm with a team of winners."

The Chapter is open M-F, 8:30 am-4:30 pm.. For more information about the chapter, please call Jennifer Washney at 570-207-0119.

A LOOK INSIDE...545 JEFFERSON AVE.



Historical Society Mourns the Loss of 2 Trustees

Since our last edition of the Journal, two trustees, Marie Smith from Scranton, and William Nassar, a CPA, also from Scranton, have passed away and will be missed by the Society.

Both individuals were long time supporters of the Society and have served on many committees throughout the years. We wish their families our deepest sympathies.



Marie S. Smith,
November 11, 1922-June 25, 2002

MEMORIALS FOR MARIE S. SMITH:

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100TH YEAR AND GOING STRONG

It is always nice to see a local business reach its 100th year in operation. Today too many of our businesses find themselves in the middle of mergers, dealing with concerns much bigger than when they had originally started. But the Penn Security Bank and Trust Company has been successful since its inception in South Scranton, one hundred years ago.

Today the bank, under the leadership of Otto P. Robinson and his board of directors, have 9 branches located in Northeastern Pennsylvania.

The home office is on the corner of Spruce street and North Washington Avenue. This building was originally called the "Mears Building" after being built in 1896. The bank has been restored both inside and outside, and it is a pivotal piece of history

in its own right.

We wish Penn Security Bank and Trust Company continued success and thank them for being a LHS supporter.



Formerly the Mears Building., now the Penn Security Bank and Trust Company, located on North Washington Ave., Scranton, circa 1897.

The Lackawanna Historical Society
in commemoration of the
1902 Anthracite Coal Strike
100th Anniversary

has commissioned a life-like miniature of President Theodore Roosevelt.

Handcrafted in Wales, with a piece of Anthracite coal set on a clear base, these collectibles are available on a limited basis.

Cost is \$45 plus tax plus shipping/handling
Allow 6 to 8 weeks delivery
Call LHS to order.

The Huber Breaker

Robert Janosov will speak on The Huber Breaker, November 10, 2002, at 2 pm at the Catlin House.

Mr. Janosov is a Professor of History at Luzerne County Community College and he has been researching, lecturing, and publishing the industrial heritage of northeastern Pennsylvania's anthracite region for twenty years.

Along with numerous articles, he published: *A Preliminary Survey of Wyoming Valley's Historic Anthracite Sites*, as well as his book, *Cold & Gold from the Poconos: A History of the Stegmaier Brewery, Wilkes Barre, PA.*

Professor Janosov has served as a historical consultant for the United States Department of the Interior, the National Park Service, the Pennsylvania Bureau of Historic Preservation, the Luzerne County Office of Community Development, the Delaware and Lehigh National Heritage Corridor, and the Housing Development Corporation of Northeastern Pennsylvania.